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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, SEPT. 20.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .08. Temperature, Max. 81; Min. 69. Weather, variable.

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PROMINENT CITIZENS INSPECT PALAMA AND BACK UP MR. RATH

Another and More Disgraceful Plague Spot Is Found--Signs of an Attempt to Clean Up Before Reporters Came.

Messrs. A. F. Cooke, Theodore Richards and Perley L. Horne made a personal inspection of the Palama district yesterday in company with Social Settlement Worker Rath, whose complaints have roused President Pinkham of the Board of Health to dilatory action.

Though an inspector had "cleaned up" some places in the district in the morning against a personally conducted party of the President's, the three gentlemen agreed that no amount of proclamation could make it sanitary without active effort.

"Mr. Rath did not tamper with the truth," said Theodore Richards after an hour's investigation. "What he said about the insanitary condition of this part of the city is true. It is unhealthful and unsightly and should be cleaned up."

"All these places should be cleansed and kept cleansed," said Mr. A. F. Cooke. "In the places where the inspectors have apparently just finished, the stuff is mostly swept under the houses. The district is not sanitary and will need constant hard work to make it and keep it so."

"A ride through on the car would convince any one that Palama is sadly in need of a cleaning. I thought so even before seeing what I have seen this afternoon. One might expect to have to tolerate such conditions in a country village; I have seen most of the cities of the United States, but I have seen nothing so bad as this anywhere."

"To clean the Desha Lane and Pua Lane portion, which are in a filthy insanitary now, would be an inexpensive and simple matter. It would be easy to make a lovely and healthful district out of it."

"Such conditions as those existing in the business and tenement portion are a different matter. It would be hard to find things much worse than some of those places. President Pinkham is wrong when he suggest that Mr. Rath was tampering with the truth. Mr. Rath told the exact truth as I am ready to say after an investigation myself."

The hour was spent in a very cursory examination of some forty premises. At 421-9 King street in the rear the visitors expressed disgust of no mild sort at finding a long alleyway reeking with filth and used both as a passageway and a closet by all the inhabitants of a long row of buildings. There were absolutely no toilet conveniences and the soil under the planks was marshy, there being no sewer connections.

At one end of this alleyway a chicken yard had been built under the house, adding to the filth. Incidentally Mr. Rath informed them of the presence of what is feared to be malignant typhoid on Pua Lane. A girl in one of the Ewa houses was mortally ill yesterday afternoon with all the symptoms and is not expected to live.

After the tour of inspection, with quiet expressions of regret that the city had so deteriorated in its sanitary standards Messrs. Cooke, Horne and Richards went their ways and Mr. Rath returned to the bedside of a girl dying of typhoid—a filth disease.

President Pinkham will have others on his trail soon. It may be that the patrons of Kapiolani school will inquire of him why he takes so little pains to protect their children and if the typhoid gets a start in Palama he will find something besides letters necessary to prove that all is well.

The places investigated by Messrs. Cooke, Horne and Richards yesterday displayed such violations of the law as these:

Iwilei cottages, closets draining into pools under the houses.

Dowsett Lane, same with stagnant bath pools.

421-9 King street, a vile marsh 100 feet long in the rear of the shops and bordered by damp and filthy living rooms.

Numerous bath houses and closets emptying directly into streams which flow into stagnant pools along King street.

The dumping of garbage under almost every house in the whole district.

Yesterday morning one of the Board of Health inspectors made a hasty trip up several of the lanes and ordered all the refuse swept out of sight. It was promptly added to the decaying rubbish under the sidewalks and steps.

"The Japanese are the most cleanly of the lot," said Mr. Cooke after looking into a dozen alleys. "They seem to have some sense of what is sanitary and what is not. These other places are unspeakable."

In response to a blunt question of Mr. Rath's as to whom he blamed for the state of affairs, Mr. Cooke said, "The inspector doesn't know his business or else his reports are not acted on. This cries for immediate action by competent officers."

RATH TO PINKHAM.

"If President Pinkham desires to stir things up with me," said Mr. Rath, "I shall accept the challenge. I have nothing against him except his incompetence."

"I am a social settlement worker. It is assuredly a part of our business to bring to public knowledge such abuses as these. If an epidemic came and we, knowing the facts, concealed them, wouldn't we be blamed?"

"I am prepared to meet Mr. Pinkham on cold facts. I asked these gentlemen to come and see for themselves the state of things. They have seen and now I shall wait to see what the President of the Board of Health intends to do."

PALAMA NOT MENTIONED AT THE BOARD MEETING

President Pinkham Satisfied With Sanitary Work--Cemetery Question--Dr. Deas Confirmed for Hana District.

There was no mention of the sanitary condition of Palama at the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon. Yet Honolulu's sanitation in general came up incidentally, giving President Pinkham occasion to express satisfaction therewith. It was the opinion of the president and the other three members present, moreover, that the Board of Health ought to have charge of the garbage and the sewer services.

Mr. Fernandez, after a brief order of business submitted by the president had been dispatched, spoke of smells on King street which he thought emanated from the sewer manholes.

Mr. Pinkham said there were not enough connections to keep the sewers free, and mentioned the ventilator pipe erected near Thomas square to abate the nuisance. It seemed the best the Public Works Department could do.

Inspector Keen, being called in, informed the meeting that the nearest flush tank to the offensive spot was about 3000 feet away, at the head of Young street. More flush tanks were needed. The six-inch vent pipes were on the wrong side of the street. They should have been placed on the other side, where the sun would shine on them all the afternoon. There should be a flush tank every 200 feet.

Dr. Wayson said that both the garbage and sewer systems ought to be under the Board of Health.

"I think we have done very well under all the circumstances," the president remarked. "I am particularly pleased with the way the people on the other islands have taken hold of sanitary work." He mentioned what was doing in different country towns.

"It is too bad the garbage department is not under the Board of Health," Mr. Smith mused.

"This is not a very good political department," President Pinkham soliloquized.

"It should be under the Board of Health," Mr. Fernandez endorsed.

The president told of a new wagon the Board had acquired, adding that they had done a whole lot of work. Especially he instanced the flushing of duck ponds at Waikiki, which put that locality in very good order. It cost one man \$245, besides what he lost from storm water.

THE CEMETERY QUESTION.

Mr. Fernandez started another discussion not on the program by asking, "What about the new cemeteries?"

President Pinkham replied with a statement to the effect that he understood the Oahu Cemetery Association did not intend to enlarge its burial grounds. Mr. Gear had spoken to him again about a cemetery site in the Waialae section.

"We ought to bring that matter up soon," Dr. Wayson observed. "In town every time you dig a hole you expose a coffin," was Mr. Fernandez's concrete argument for action.

"The Catholic Bishop is looking for another place," the president said. "Mr. Cleghorn claims there is plenty of room in Kawaihau cemetery. He is president of the Oahu Cemetery Association and if you say anything about enlarging its cemetery he jumps you."

"It is time the Board of Health did something," Mr. Smith remarked. Mr. Pinkham said the only thing to do was to close up those two cemeteries in town. It should be considered whether or not to make an exception of family plots. He would get the heads of the cemetery organizations together.

Dr. Wayson said new places should be provided and then there would be no excuse. Bodies might be removed from the old cemeteries without expense to owners of family plots. One cemetery might be established at Pearl City, in extension of the present one, and another near Diamond Head.

Mr. Smith, answering a question, gave a statement of the expense of funerals by rail to Pearl City, showing it to be exceedingly moderate.

"I will call them together," was the president's final word.

PIGGERY NOT ALLOWED.

From deferred business the president called the Board's attention to a communication from W. O. Smith relative to the Kamehameha School piggery, which was received after the meeting at which the Board refused the desired permit.

Quick work of the piggery was now made, on motion of Dr. Wayson seconded by Mr. Fernandez, "that it be not allowed," which was carried.

DR. DEAS CONFIRMED.

With regard to Dr. Deas, whose appointment as Government physician for Hana the Board held up at the previous meeting, the president wrote: "I suggest that under a former vote of the Board his appointment need not have been brought before you, and that it may be advisable to let the matter rest under the former action of the Board in placing the responsibility on the president." Orally, he informed the Board that Dr. Deas, after working for the Rapid Transit Co., without giving any cause of complaint, went to Maui. He was recommended by the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co. after acting as substitute physician at Puunene some time. Dr. Deas graduated at the head of his class and, as a matter of fact, he could not get anybody else to take the place.

"Give him a chance," was Dr. Wayson's counsel.

Mr. Smith said the Board was not responsible for him before the former

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NEW YORK LIFE IS EXPOSED

Quarter of a Million Dollars Unaccounted for and Probably Used Corruptly at Albany.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, September 21.—President McCall of the New York Life Insurance company testified yesterday that his legal representative disbursed a quarter of a million dollars for which he gave no accounting whatsoever to the directors. The inference is that this sum was used to affect state legislation.

ROOSEVELT TO ACT.

OYSTER BAY, September 21.—President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Root, Senator Lodge and former Ambassador to England Choate, have held a conference here, presumably to formulate a message to Congress bearing on the Life Insurance scandals.

EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, September 21.—The exchange of peace ratifications will be held at the White House as a compliment to President Roosevelt.

DAURIGNAC APPEALS.

NEW YORK, September 21.—Daurignac, the brother of Madame Humbert, has appealed to President Roosevelt to reverse the ruling of deportation ordered by the Immigration Department.

PROTEST AGAINST TREATY.

TOKIO, September 21.—A mass meeting held here has demanded that the cabinet break the peace treaty or resign. The meeting was orderly.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA.

LINCOLN, Nebraska, September 21.—A fusion state ticket has been effected by the Democrats and Populists.

YELLOW FEVER INCREASING.

NEW ORLEANS, September 21.—The number of yellow fever cases is increasing.

PHILADELPHIA'S REFORM TICKET.

PHILADELPHIA, September 21.—Mayor Weaver's city party has nominated a ticket which the Democrats have endorsed.

FULLERTON MAKES CHARGE WHICH IS CONTRADICTED

Joseph P. Cooke Votes Proxies at Kihei Meeting as Promised--Kapiolani Estate Shares Legally Voted.

A special meeting of the Kihei Plantation Co. was held in Alexander & Baldwin's office yesterday afternoon, to consider a matter of \$36,000 due to the company from the Kapiolani Estate, the Hawaii Land Co. and W. C. Achil. George R. Ewart presided.

On motion of Frank B. McStocker, it was voted to give the delinquents an extension of six months for payment.

J. E. Fullerton, after the meeting, came to the Advertiser office with the second edition of an afternoon paper in his hand, saying he wished to correct a report of the Kihei meeting therein contained.

"You see the way is this, as I told the meeting," Mr. Fullerton said, "the stock has been kept down by expecta-

tion that these delinquent shares would one day be thrown on the market.

"I and others have borrowed money on our Kihei shares and there was nothing for us to do but pay when payments were due. It was my idea that the shares of the delinquents should be ordered sold right away, and the company buy them in and hold them as treasury stock. The company might bid as high as \$11 for the stock, which would establish a price on the market."

"By calling in all of the delinquent stock, too, a reduction of about a quarter of a million of the capital might be made."

"There were 26,472 shares represented at the meeting. Joseph P. Cooke held proxies for 11,000 shares, as the report states, and when I moved an amend-

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